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1. Effective 1 October 1953, the customs clearance of ships, which had formerly been carried out by WOP (Military Border Guard) troops accompanied by customs officials, has again reverted to the customs authorities themselves. The reason for this change was the difficulty and lack of success in training WOP personnel in customs regulations.
2. Two main changes have been effected. The WOP personnel carrying out the security search of the ship no longer have the right to carry out a personal search of people boarding or leaving the ship. In case of necessity, a personal search may be carried out by a customs official in the presence of a member of the WOP. WOP personnel have the right to carry out a personal search of the customs officials on boarding or leaving the ship.

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